

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered in view of the above amendments and the following remarks and that all of the claims remaining be allowed.

Claim Amendments

Claims 5 and 20-23 have been amended and new claims 24-27 added. No new matter has been added by this amendment. The Examiner is hereby requested to enter the amendment.

The rejections of claims 5, 6 and 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 have been overcome by amendment. Claim 5 has been amended to correct the § 112 issues, and claim 6 was only objected to as dependent upon claim 5. Independent claim 21 has been substantially rewritten and as part of that rewriting, the § 112 issue also has been corrected. Claims 22 and 23 were only objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112 because they are dependent upon claim 21. Therefore all of the claims are now deemed to satisfy 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claims 21 and 22 stand rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Lightman, et al. 6,711,414 ("Lightman"). To overcome this rejection, claim 21 has been substantially rewritten, and now reads:

**21. A wearable electronic display unit to be worn by a first person, comprising:**

**a display capable of displaying text and graphics in a first mode adapted for viewing at a distance by a second person, and in a second display mode adapted for being read close up by the first person, the display having access to information relating to the first person's social network; and**

**an information transmitting and receiving interface located on the display so that, when the interface faces in a direction of a short-range substantially unidirectional communication, electronic communication is possible between displays worn by the first and second persons, the display having the capability to (1) receive information relating to another person's social network, (2) analyze the**

**received information and the information about the first person's social network, and (3) display information based on the analysis.**

Lightman fails to teach, suggest or disclose the operation of his "wearable devices" in two modes. Although a Lightman device displays information which may be useful either to the wearer of the device or to others (column 8, lines 43-67), Lightman does not disclose, teach or suggest that his devices *display text and graphics in two modes*, one mode if the viewer is the wearer, and another if the viewer is someone standing near the wearer. Lightman teaches only that text, sound and LED indicators (column 5, lines 38-67) may be used to display information. All of these display types are equally applicable if the viewer is the device wearer, or is someone nearby. There is no disclosure, teaching or suggestion of *changing* any of these display modes depending upon whether the device wearer, or someone nearby, is viewing the device.

New claims 24-27 are clearly patentable over Lightman. Lightman has no disclosure, teaching or suggestion of changing either the orientation of the text or its size depending upon whether the viewer is the device wearer or someone else. Nor does Lightman disclose, teach or suggest sensing the vertical orientation of his device and changing display mode based upon that sensing (claim 27). Therefore allowance of these four new dependent claims is courteously requested.

For all of the above reasons, amended claim 21 and all the claims dependent upon it (22-27) are believed patentable over Lightman. Favorable action towards their allowance and issuance are courteously solicited.

### Conclusions

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants submit that the claims of this application are patentable. Applicants courteously request the formal allowance of all previously allowed claims 1-4 and 7-20, of all claims previously rejected only under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and amended to correct the errors (claims 5-6 and 21-23), and finally, claims 21 and 22 previously rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Lightman but amended to overcome that rejection (along with the new dependent claims 24-27 that depend upon amended claim 21). Reconsideration and

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withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections are hereby requested. Allowance of all the claims in this application is earnestly solicited.


In the event that a telephone conversation could expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (650) 839-5021.

Enclosed is a \$100.00 check for excess claim fees and a \$60.00 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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